

Randolph Township Trustees Regular Meeting Thursday, February 24, 2011

Chairman Roger Klodt opened the meeting with the pledge at 7:00 p.m. Fiscal Officer Mary Rodenbucher read the minutes from the previous meeting. Sue moved to accept the previous minutes. Roger seconded.

RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes. Present: Trustees Roger Klodt, Mike Lang, Sue White, FO Mary Rodenbucher, D. Kolasky, P. Cernava, K. Angel, B. Manion, B. Wagner, B. Bowker. M. Bowker, M. Nichols,

Roger introduced Mike Bowker who is working on his Eagle Scout project. Mike explained the Eagle Scout project. He asked if there was any project in the township that would need to be done. Mike Lang is more than happy to support any Eagle Scout project. There was discussion about a utility storage building at the Randolph School Park. Mike Lang stated that the township will finance the project as long as he does the work. Mike stated that the trustees will continue the discussion at a future meeting to discuss the finances and the possibility of other projects. Mike Bowker stated that he will need details to submit his project. Mike Lang stated that we will have information for the next meeting.

### Old Business

Roger opened the discussion regarding the Moyer Field use issue. Roger introduced Troy Manion from the Hot Stove and resident Keith Angel. Roger asked Troy exactly what he is looking for. Troy stated that they will host the girls' regional finals at the end of July. He is proud of this accomplishment of getting state championships. Troy stated that light shields were installed and the light meter reading indicated that the original problem was corrected. Troy stated that they have no intention of using the lights five days; it will likely be three days. Troy did not want to be limited with schedules. Over 320 kids have signed up this year. The cut-off time of 10:30 p.m. is fine. Troy commented that traffic will still be the same. It will only be cars for the one field so the parking lot will not be full. The state tournament is played during the day. There may be one game that would be played under the lights. Keith did not come to discuss the light issue. He feels the 10:30 p.m. cut-off time is too late. Mike stated that all discussions need to come to the trustees and not to Troy. Paul asked about security with the increased activity. Roger stated that we have not had security in the past. Sue stated that the Lion's Club has helped with security. Troy stated that they would not play under the lights until after school is out. It is usually the month of June that will play under the lights. Sue explained her concern with the neighbors with the recycle light and their entertaining. Sue thanked Troy for taking care of the field lights. Keith stated that it is still a nuisance to him due to his eye condition. Keith stated that the lights are a luxury we are providing children, it is not a must. He feels it is an infringement on his property. He cannot function on his property. He will not yield on this issue and has an attorney. Mike stated that we have input from the Hot Stove and one resident. Mike stated that the trustees will need to work this out and resolve this issue. The trustees have to take into consideration the township residents who use the field and the residents who live around the field. Mike wanted to bring it up now before the season gets started.

Troy spoke about the backstops. He asked if the township can do anything to help with this issue. Troy asked for a used conveyer belt to help the situation. Troy would like to install the temporary fence for the entire year around the field with the lights. He explained the reason for the fence. He understands the issue with mowing by the township which is why he is asking permission. Mike asked when he would like to do this. Troy responded the end of April. Sue stated that the cleaning lady cleans the field house restrooms. Troy stated that his wife usually cleans the restrooms during ball season. Roger asked if Hot Stove and soccer will keep the restrooms clean. Troy stated that they pay their own members to do the cleaning and doesn't feel the need to hire anyone. Troy thought it might have been between Hot Stove and soccer when there were complaints. Roger stated that we will take all the information under advisement and will contact everyone when we are ready.

Mike stated that he placed an application with Sun Oil. He asked for input on how to handle fuel purchases. Roger feels that each employee will sign for each purchase. There was discussion about gas cans. Employees are to use their township credit card until the Sunoco application has been approved.

Mike spoke about the financing for the ambulance. Mike presented information he received from OTA. Mary reported on the information she received from Chase. The loan was tentatively approved for \$47,000 at a rate of 2.99% for five years with biannual payments. Mike stated that the fire department will make a down payment of \$16,000. Mike moved to engage with Chase for \$47,000 to finance the re-chassis of the RFD ambulance. Roger seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mike stated that Ravenna Oil is still on hold. There was discussion about purchasing the diesel tank. Mike spoke to Roger Muzia about the RFD restroom. Mike presented information on a change order for the storage building. Mike explained the change. One issue that needs to be discussed is six additional light fixtures and that if it is really needed. It was determined that the extra outside lights are not necessary. There was also discussion about the carbon dioxide system.

Sue does not have the energy audit due to a back injury with contractor.

Roger spoke about the cell phone and trash bills. Dan stated that there should be \$100 savings with the cell phones. Roger suggested buying our own receptacle at the cemetery and possibly eliminating the dumpster at the road garage. Larry does not feel it would be feasible. Dan presented information on a renegotiated trash contract. Dan suggested a composting site at the cemetery. Roger appreciates the information that Dan provided, but wants him to run it through a meeting.

### **New Business**

Mike spoke about possibly advertising the house for sale. Roger stated that we still have time. Mike and Sue stated that we need to get going on it. There was discussion about various options. Troy will check on someone who uses old house materials.

Sue brought up an issue with gas and oil wells. We are being taxed everywhere. Sue would like to place a 5 mil tax on the gas and oil well companies on the November ballot. There was discussion about how the taxing works. Sue will check into it. Mike and Roger agree with the proposal. Paul stated that there is presently a 22% tax deduction with a 20% profit on the well. Sue will contact Chris and get the details.

Roger has nothing at this time.

Mike suggested changing the hall rental rate due to budget shortfalls. Discussion will continue at a future meeting.

Mary reported on the Regional Planning hours for 2011. Mary stated that we received our cable franchise fees in the amount of \$27,926.88; which is an increase of \$2,615.25 from last year.

Mary placed the January bank reconciliation in the trustee's mailboxes. She asked if there were any questions. Roger moved to approve the January bank reconciliation. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Mary requested a motion to appropriate receipts 27 – 37 totaling \$45,757.63 and pay warrants 32055 – 32097, EFTs 908 – 917, and vouchers 7 - 8 totaling \$128,746.01. Roger so moved. Sue seconded. RCV: Mike – yes; Sue – yes; Roger – yes.

Larry presented the road report. They have been busy with snow and ice removal. They are at about 60% capacity with the salt supply with the availability to order 50 more tons until we meet our quota. They have been installing the new hi-intensity stop signs and reflective strips on the strips. Larry purchased 12 new signs. The old signs can be refaced for a fraction of the cost. Larry is working on getting quotes for tires. There were three funerals for a year to date total of five.

Dan presented the zoning report. One permit was issued. Dan stated that he did not authorize any contract for the trash service, but did request a new proposal. Dan reported on the Portage Revitalization and Economic Planning and Vision in Portage meetings. Roger asked about the help Dan spoke about with the website. Dan stated that it is the website coordinator from the county. Mike asked about the Lovejoy issue. Dan stated that he has not filed an appeal. He has 30 days to file then we have 45 days to send the information to the court.

### **Public Comment**

Paul spoke about the zoning appeals variance meetings at which he had a question about the taxing of a commercial property. Paul feels that several properties could be taxed as commercial. Sue explained the

difficulty of selling homes in commercial areas especially for private property owners. There was discussion about variances and conditional use variances.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Roger Moett*  
*Mary A. Rodenbuscher*